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COLUMNHIGHLANDERS TO HAVE  
YOUNG AND NEW BLOOD

BY ALLEN SANGREER.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—The rejuvenation of the Highlanders began in earnest yesterday, when Griffith signed two new players from the Ohio League of Pennsylvania. One is Goodie, a left-handed pitcher from the Johnstown club; the other Bonner, an infielder from the Marietta team.

Griff selected these two on recommendations of several reliable friends who have had an opportunity to see them work. He is so anxious to bolster up New York, and do it quickly, that he is now in communication with the club's relative to having the men join in Chicago.

If the infielder can get away, he will be put on first base, and Mr. Goodie need not wait long for Chance to spread his wings. Goodie has been winning right along, and the outfield league includes some clever batsmen. Bonner is primarily a second baseman, but can hold down any sort of a job inside.

Whether or not these new Highlanders will displace any veterans Griff does not say. He is very eager, but certain members of the team are a little nervous.

It is no news that Griffith intends gathering a younger generation for next year. He believes in young men, and figures that Kleinschmidt, Chase, Teague, Conroy, Hogg, Elberfeld and Keeler give him the proper nucleus to effect this. The latter two, while old stagers, are, of course, more valuable than newer or younger men.

Keeler's Only Muff.  
Speaking of Keeler, it was funny to hear the expressions yesterday when he muffed a fly in left field. The old fans here declared they had never seen him do the like. Any other fielder in America would not have elicited this general remark. Keeler himself was amazed, and for the rest of the game did not smile. He declined to excuse himself on the score of a bad sun, though that was the reason.

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These two boys got together at the National A. C. after much dickering, and despite the extremely close weather there was a good attendance. At the outset Murphy began his aggressive tactics, working both hands with short-arm delivery that soon started the Jersey town. Try hard, Bender did not deny, and the way in which he best Bender was a revelation to his most ardent admirers. Murphy put a wonderful fight and had the best end of his command at all times, although Bender was not knocked down and at the end was ready to go in for more. The preliminaries were all to the good.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 18.—Jack Welch has been selected to referee the Britt-Sullivan fight to be fought here next Friday night. Britt is training at the Ocean Beach and is in splendid shape. Nat Goodwin has trained with Britt and will be heavily on the California side.

Britt is down to weight, and although he anticipates a hard fight he expects to outpoint his husky opponent.

Kid Sullivan has been training in San Rafael under the direction of Al Herford. Sullivan will be backed by the local men by reason of his splendid showing against "Battling" Nelson. Sullivan is almost at weight. The man will weigh in at 135 pounds at 6 o'clock on the night of the fight. They will receive 50 per cent. of the gate receipts, and their share will be divided 65 per cent. to the winner and 35 per cent. to the loser.

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BOOKIES GETTING RICH  
AT BRIGHTON MEETING

BY FRANK W. THORP.

Bookmakers declare that this meeting at Brighton is the best bookmaking meeting of the season. Men who came to this meeting all the way from Toledo to \$20,000 have evened up their losses and some of the heaviest of the gambling bookies are big winners.

"You don't have to pick them here," said a prominent layer yesterday. "All you have to do is keep your eyes open, set in the money as cheap as you can and let the ponies do the rest. This is like old times. It is not a question of 'inside info,' as it is called, but it is simply a question of making play. You can open up your prices at all the way from 30 to 40 per cent. in your favor and the players will just eat you up. That last race is softer than the last race at Guttenburg used to be when old Neptune, presumably with a ton of coal on his back, but really carrying only his ticker, used to breeze home to the consternation of the handicappers. If this game keeps up the Jockey Club can come and demand what they like."

Public is Winning.  
And in truth it is a safe game for the bookies. The public attendance grows day by day, which shows that the people are winning. The majority of racegoers are small players who are all taking a chance for their few dollars, and the chances are tumbling in. It is the smart dividend, made up of a sum of money, clever for form judges and players of "inside info," as it is called, that are contributing to the layers' cash boxes.

Form seems all awry at Brighton, yet it cannot be ascribed to any sharp practice or crookedness. It just seems the cussedness of the ponies themselves. Take for instance the form of St. Bellane. The colt ran a good race and was beaten a block. The owner of this horse, also owner of a sporting paper, called attention to Jack Martin's bad riding of St. Bellane, all but intimating that the boy pulled the horse.

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